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SUBJECT: STUDENT UNREST

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SUMMARY:

STUDENT UNREST CONTINUES TO MANIFEST ITSELF IN SPORADIC CLASHES BETWEEN RIGHTIST AND LEFTIST STUDENTS AND IN LEFTIST-SPONSORED ATTEMPTS TO MOUNT BOYCOTTS AT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS. THERE CONTINUE TO BE RUMORS AND PRODICTIONS OF MASS STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY FROM PRO-RPP SOURCES, BUT SO FAR, AT LEAST, THESE HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED. END SUMMARY

1. INSTIGATED BY LEFT-WING STUDENTS, A THREE-DAY BOYCOTT WAS DECLARED APRIL 17 AT ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, THE PHARMACY FACULTY OF ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY, THE NISANTAS SHCOOL OF DENTISTRY AND PHARMACY, AND THE KADIKOY SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING. ATTEMPTS BY LEFTISTS AT THE TLATTER INSTITUTION TO PREVENT ENTRY BY RIGHT-WING "COMMANDOS" LED TO A CLASH IN WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE WERE MINOR INJURIES AND NINE STUDENTS (REPORTEDLY LEFTISTS)

TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED. A THREATENED CLASH AT ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY WAS, ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, PREVENTED BY PROMPT POLICE INTERVENTION.

COMMENT: TO DATE THE BOYCOTTS HAVE BEEN BASED SOLELY ON CAMPUS GRIEVANCES, SPECIFICALLY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION VIEWED AS RESTRICTING STUDENT AUTONOMY. MANY OBSERVERS HERE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES ARE MERELY A "WARMUP" FOR LARGER AND MORE EMOTIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS TO BE LAUNCHED EVENTUALLY AGAINST THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT. SOME BELIEVE THAT SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS WILL INEVITABLY RESULT IN A NUMBER OF ANTI-AMERICAN THEMES BEING GIVEN INCREASED PLAY.
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